CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of providing a translational dictionary, comprising the steps of:

5   receiving at a communications device a signal from a network;

recognizing at least one target language from the receipt of the network signal;

comparing the target language to a base language of the communications device;

10   selectively transferring to the communications device a translational dictionary of the target language if the target language does not match the base language.

2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps

15   of:

if the target language does not match the base language, notifying a user that the translational dictionary of the target language is available for transfer; and

giving the user the option of accepting the transfer of the

20   translational dictionary of the target language.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the signal received from the network includes a Mobile Network Country Code and wherein said

recognizing step further comprises recognizing the target language from the receipt of the Mobile Network Country Code in the network signal.

4.   The method according to claim 3, further comprising the step of storing into memory at least one value associated with the Mobile Network Country Code and at least one value associated with the base language, wherein the values associated with the Mobile Network Country Code identify target languages.

5.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the target language is a primary language that is spoken in a first country and the base language is a primary language that is spoken in a second country, wherein the network is located in the first country.

6.   The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of signaling the network from the communications device that the target language does not match the base language.

7.   The method according to claim 1, wherein said selectively transferring step further comprises selectively transferring to the communications device a translational dictionary of the target language unless the translational dictionary of the target language has been previously transferred to the communications device.

8.   A method of providing a translational dictionary, comprising the steps of:

storing at least one translational dictionary in a memory of a communications device;

5   receiving at the communications device a signal from a network;

recognizing at least one target language from the receipt of the network signal;

comparing the target language to a base language of the communications device; and

10   accessing from the memory the translational dictionary if the target language does not match the base language and if the translational dictionary corresponds to the target language.

9.   A communications device that provides a translational dictionary, comprising:

a transceiver for receiving a signal from a network; and

5   a processor, wherein said processor is programmed to:

recognize at least one target language from the receipt of the network signal; and

compare the target language to a base language of said communications device;

10   wherein the network selectively transfers to said communications device a translational dictionary of the target language if said processor determines that the target language does not match the base language.

15   10.   The communications device according to claim 9, wherein if the target language does not match the base language, said processor is further programmed to notify a user through a user interface that the translational dictionary of the target language is available for transfer and to give the user through a menu the option of accepting the transfer of the translational

20   dictionary of the target language.

11.   The communications device according to claim 9, wherein the signal received from the network includes a Mobile Network Country Code and wherein said processor is further programmed to recognize the target

language from the receipt of the Mobile Network Country Code in the network signal.

12.   The communications device according to claim 11, further comprising a memory, wherein at least one value associated with the Mobile Network Country Code and at least one value associated with the base language are stored in said memory, wherein the values associated with the Mobile Network Country Code identify target languages.

13.   The communications device according to claim 9, wherein the target language is a primary language that is spoken in a first country and the base language is a primary language that is spoken in a second country, wherein the network is located in the first country.

14.   The communications device according to claim 9, wherein said processor is further programmed to signal the network through said transceiver that the target language does not match the base language.

15.   The communications device according to claim 9, wherein the network selectively transfers to said communications device the translational dictionary unless the network has previously transferred the translational dictionary to said communications device

16.   A communications device for providing a translational dictionary, comprising:

a memory for storing at least one translational dictionary;

a transceiver for receiving a signal from a network; and

5   a processor, wherein said processor is programmed to:

recognize at least one target language from the receipt of the network signal;

compare the target language to a base language of said communications device; and

10   access from said memory the translational dictionary if the target language does not match the base language and if the translational dictionary corresponds to the target language.